

What is claimed is:

1. A portable handheld edge cutter for edging a lawn or cutting turf, the portable handheld edge cutter comprising:

a guide tube;

a cutterhead connected to said guide tube;

5 said cutterhead including a gear housing;

said gear housing having first side and a second side lying oppositely to said first side;

a first wheel rotatably journalled on said first side of said gear housing;

10 a cutting blade arranged at said second side of said gear housing;

said gear housing including a gearing output shaft for rotatably driving said cutting blade;

15 a second wheel disposed between said cutting blade and said gear housing; and,

said first and second wheels being rotatably journalled coaxially to said output shaft.

2. The portable handheld edge cutter of claim 1, further comprising a protective hood formed on said gear housing.

3. The portable handheld edge cutter of claim 2, said cutting blade having an outer blade tip defining a circular path as said cutting blade is rotatably driven; said protective hood extending approximately perpendicularly to said output shaft and said  
5 protective hood having a bent-over edge which extends outside of said circular path.

4. The portable handheld edge cutter of claim 3, further comprising a splash guard fixed to said protective hood.
5. The portable handheld edge cutter of claim 4, further comprising a cotter pin for holding said splash guard onto said protective hood.
6. The portable handheld edge cutter of claim 1, further comprising first and second bearing sleeves formed on said gear housing for rotatably journalling said first and second wheels, respectively.
7. The portable handheld edge cutter of claim 6, wherein said gear output shaft passes through said second bearing sleeve.
8. The portable handheld edge cutter of claim 1, wherein said gear housing has a receptacle formed thereon for receiving said guide tube therein.
9. The portable handheld edge cutter of claim 1, wherein said gear housing is configured to have two housing parts.
10. The portable handheld edge cutter of claim 1, said guide tube having an end facing away from said cutterhead; and, further comprising an internal combustion engine mounted on said end for driving said cutting blade via said gearing output shaft.